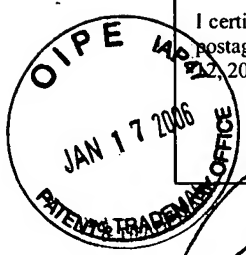


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In response to the Detailed Office Action mailed on 11/15/05, and having a shortened statutory response period that extends through 2/15/06, kindly amend the claims as hereinafter indicated and reconsider their patentability in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

The remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.